

The South Florida Water Management District LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS



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In Your Region

District Partners with Annual Waterway Cleanup Effort

South Florida Water Management District (District) staff, in partnership with Broward County and Marine Industries of Florida, hosted a waterway clean up of the North Fork of the New River in Ft. Lauderdale. Local residents and students from South Plantation High School volunteered to pick up trash and debris along the river. The Annual Waterway Cleanup is one of this county's largest environmental events. This year, more than 1,800 volunteers worked at various locations throughout the county to successfully remove 15 tons of trash and debris from our waterways, rivers and canals.

Joint "Know the Flow/Water Conservation" Workshop Held

In celebration of Water Conservation Month, the City of Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County and the District partnered to host a joint Know the Flow and Water Conservation information workshop for local residents. Workshop topics included South Florida's water management system, citizens' role in water conservation, Florida-Friendly landscaping practices and preservation of local waterways.

District participates in City of Sunrise Earth Day Festivities

In an effort to encourage conservation of our water resources, the District provided water conservation tips, information and various materials to attendees at the City of Sunrise Earth Day festivities. The District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program was approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in September 2008 to encourage more responsible use of water resources throughout South Florida. Visit www.savewaterfl.com for details on the Comprehensive Water Conservation Program and water-saving tips.

Partners Recognize April as Water Conservation Month

The State of Florida proclaimed April as Water Conservation Month. We wish to thank Broward County and Broward County Public Schools, as well as our municipalities, special districts and other organizations, for joining with the District in supporting a culture of water conservation.



The City of Coconut Creek presented the District with a Water Conservation Proclamation.



District Participates in Environmental Day

District staff works diligently to educate and inform students throughout the county about the Kissimmee, Lake Okeechobee, Everglades (KOE) system and how the water management system functions. Broward College hosted Environmental Day for students to learn about various aspects of the ecosystem and to increase environmental awareness.

Project Progress – Vegetation Removal

East Coast Buffer

The East Coast Buffer is located on the north side of the Holly Lake Community in the City of Pembroke Pines and extends from the end of Johnson Street a quarter-mile west to the Pembroke Pines Water Plant. Invasive Australian Pine trees and other invasive species within the East Coast Buffer threaten Florida Power and Light power lines and potentially pose a risk of flooding of the C12 if they topple over into the canal and block water flow. Clearing of the invasive vegetation allows the South Broward Drainage District easier access to its canal for maintenance purposes.

North Fork of the New River

The District recently removed Brazilian pepper and other invasive vegetation along the North Fork of the New River. The District's invasive species operations section manages invasive aquatic and terrestrial plants throughout the District with the goal of halting the rampant growth of South Florida's most aggressive plants and allow native flora to recover. The District's primary mission also includes removing noxious vegetation to preserve water management and flood control capabilities.



Out and About

- **Procurement Rule Development Workshop**
April 29, 10 a.m.
Ft. Lauderdale Field Station, 2535 Davie Rd., Davie
- **Florida Section of American Society of Civil Engineers Stormwater Workshop**
April 30, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Long Key Nature Center, 3501 S.W. 130th Avenue, Davie

- **SFWMD Governing Board Meeting**
May 12 and 13
Blake Library, 2351 Southeast Monterey Road, Stuart
- **Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters**
May 19 at 10 a.m.
Orlando
- **Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Issues Workshop - *River of Grass* Project Planning Phase II**
May 20, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
John Boy Auditorium, 1200 South Owens Ave., Clewiston
- **WRAC Monthly Meeting**
June 3, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
North Miami Leisure Services Dept., McDonald Center 17051 NE 19th Ave., North Miami Beach
- **SFWMD Governing Board Meeting**
June 8 and 9
SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3310 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach
- **WRAC Issues Workshop - *River of Grass* Project Planning Phase II**
June 17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3310 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach
- **WRAC Recreation Issues Workshop**
June 21, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
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